

REMARKS

I. On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-2, 6-10, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over US20030165806 (Pausch) in view of Gaber and further in view of Fairman. Also, claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pausch in view of Gaber in view of Fairman and further in view of Rampe. On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 5 is allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The rejections are traversed for the following reasons.

Without capitulating to the position of the Examiner with regard to rejection of the subject matter disclosed in the instant application and as claimed in the record, Applicants combined the subject matter of claims 1, 4 and 5, and included the subject matter of claims 4 and 5 into claims 20 and 21. The remainder of the subject matter will be prosecuted in a continuation application.

In view of the amendments, withdrawal of the rejections is requested respectfully.

CONCLUSION

Reexamination, reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections and early notification of allowance are requested respectfully. If any questions remain, the Examiner is requested respectfully to contact the undersigned at the local exchange noted hereinbelow.

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